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FOR U.S. VIETNAM MISSION

FIRST ADD 22 (DRV GOVERNMENT STATEMENT)

XXX PEACE TO VIETNAM.

(TEXT) IN THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT THE DRV SIDE PROPOSED AN
END TO THE WAR THROUGHOUT VIETNAM, THE OBSERVANCE OF A CEASE-FIRE
IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AN END TO ALL U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN
SOUTH VIETNAM, COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. AND U.S.-RVN ALLIED
FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE RETURN OF ALL THOSE
DETAINED OR IMPRISONED BY ALL SIDES.

✓ SINCE A CEASE-FIRE WOULD BE IN EFFECT UNTIL THE FORMATION
OF A GOVERNMENT TO BE ELECTED THROUGH FREE AND DEMOCRATIC
ELECTIONS, THE PRESENT TWO ADMINISTRATIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED
ALONG WITH THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS FUNCTIONS OF
EACH SIDE. / THESE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS WILL HOLD CONSULTATIONS
IN ORDER TO EXERCISE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO
SELF-DETERMINATION, TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL CONCORD, TO GUARANTEE
THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY
AND TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CONCORD WHOSE DUTY WOULD
BE TO URGE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE SIDES TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS
THAT WERE SIGNED AND TO HOLD GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.
THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE SIDES WILL JOINTLY SOLVE THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE INTERNAL PROBLEMS PROMPTLY WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER
A CEASE-FIRE IS EFFECTED.

• THEREFORE, AS THE U.S. SIDE HAS MANY TIMES PROPOSED, THE
VIETNAM PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED IN TWO STEPS: THE FIRST STEP
IS TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM, TO HAVE A CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIETNAM,
TO END U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND TO
AGREE ON THE PRINCIPLES CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. IN THE SECOND
STEP THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE SIDES WILL JOINTLY SOLVE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

THE DRV SIDE PROPOSED THAT THE DRV AND THE UNITED STATES
SIGN THIS AGREEMENT BY MID-OCTOBER 1972. THIS INITIATIVE OF
THE DRV GOVERNMENT HAS LED THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE VIETNAM
PROBLEM, NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE LASTED 4 YEARS NOW, TOWARD
THE PATH OF SOLUTION. THE U.S. SIDE ITSELF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE
DRAFT AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM
PUT FORTH BY THE DRV SIDE IS A VERY IMPORTANT, BASIC DOCUMENT
THAT HAS PROMPTLY OPENED THE WAY TO A SOLUTION.

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